

# NATO Spy Suspect May Face Death

Reuters

PARIS, Aug. 13—A 40-year-old Frenchman arrested for spying at NATO headquarters in Brussels was charged today with treason, an offense carrying the death penalty.

Francis Roussilhe was described in his appearance before the State Security Court as a librarian, but informed sources said he worked at NATO headquarters as a translator.

The sources said Roussilhe, the father of three, was accused of copying a large number of secret NATO documents for an Eastern European country, for which he received large sums of money and photo-copying equipment to help his work.

They said Roussilhe, who started working for NATO in 1952, was arrested by Belgian police early last week as he left his office carrying classified documents.

After being brought to Paris, Roussilhe was questioned in secrecy by French counter-espionage officials.

The official secrecy contin-

ued today when no details of the case were given out at the hearing. The State Security Court, which will try him, normally holds its hearings in secret.

Informed sources said that in his position at NATO Roussilhe had access to many documents, including some dealing with European defense, NATO bases, the alliance's troop strength and NATO Council discussions on the international situation.

Under French law, Frenchmen who spy on NATO countries are liable to the same penalties as those who spy on France—death. Although France has withdrawn from NATO's integrated military structure, Frenchmen still work at the NATO headquarters in Belgium.

The evening newspaper France Soir said it was the most serious spying affair in NATO since 1963, when another Frenchman, Georges Pagues, was found to have handed over important secrets to the Soviet Union.

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